Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: The information is not available. The Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore, Ltd., is a registered company and not a Government concern.

Supply of Mettur Mulls to the Lawyer's Co-operative Stores, Ltd., Kottayam.

28. * **Mr. K. C. Chandy** (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Additional Textile Commissioner has received any request from the Lawyer's Co-operative Stores, Ltd., Kottayam for the supply of Mettur Mulls, and if so, when it was received and what action was taken on the same;

(*b*) whether on 31-1-1120, the Additional Textile Commissioner had not written to the said Society that he was making arrangements for supplying the said Society with a few pieces of Mettur Mulls;

(*c*) whether subsequent to that, any supply was made to that Society, and if not, the reason why; and

(*d*) whether subsequent to the aforesaid date, *i. e.*, 31-1-1120, the Additional Textile Commissioner has made any supply of Mulls to any other Firm, individual or Co-operative Societies?

Mr. P. A. Kasim (*Additional Textile Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes; on 23-1-1120.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No supply was made as it was discovered that the Store had no licence to deal in cloth.

(*d*) Yes; to individuals and institutions.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether the legal impediment pointed out in answer to question (*c*) was not brought into existence during the current year when he wrote on 31-1-1120 that supply would be made?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: At the time I wrote to the stores, I was not aware that they had no licence. It was only subsequently brought to my notice that they had no licence.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the application is by a *bona fide* concern and not by any others?

Mr. P. A Kasim: The application is by a Co-operative Society.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the store is not distributing cloth to the public?

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Mr. P. A. Kasim: Whether the stores distribute goods to the public or to the members, in order to deal in cloth, they must have a licence.

President: Order, order. Is there not a Government of India rule with regard to the matter?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: Yes, Sir.

President: In regard to this distribution which is made at the instance of the Government and in regard to the materials supplied, this Government have to keep to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Government of India. I take it that the department acted in pursuance of those rules.

Mr. K. C Chandy: May I know whether the Society was advised of this legal impediment?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: I am not sure. I think it has been.

President: What is the difficulty about this? Why should they not apply for a licence?

Mr. K. C. Chandy: The Society was not apprised of it.

Mr. P. A. Kasim: If the Co-operative society wants to deal in cloth, it must take out a licence.

Licence for conversion of tapioca into tapioca flour.

29. * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications for licence for conversion of tapioca into tapioca flour after the recent removal of the ban in that behalf; and

(*b*) the number of licences granted so far?

Mr. P. A. Kasim: (*a*) 120.

(*b*) Nil. Licences will be issued only after particulars of the procedure for the administration of the Order are settled.

Consolations of religion to patients in Hospitals.

30. * **Mr. K. C. Chandy**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Medical Department have issued any orders or circulars to the effect that patients should not be allowed the consolations of their religion in the Hospitals;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to place on the table a copy thereof?

Dr. S. John (*Surgeon General*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

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